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VISIT HELPFUL TO HIS WORK

3. ON NOV. 19, POLOFF DELIVERED THE GIFT AND THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO PASTOR KAN OF THE BEIJING CHRISTIAN CHURCH. HE SAID THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY GRATEFUL FOR THE SECSTATE VISIT. PASTOR KAN SAID HE THOUGHT THAT IN HIS FUTURE DEALINGS WITH THE PRC GOVERNMENT, HE COULD POINT TO THE VISIT OF SECRETARY BAKER AS EVIDENCE THAT IF THE PRC WISHED TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OPERATE WOULD BE NOTICED AND APPRECIATED IN WASHINGTON.

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8. COMMENT: WHILE THE SECSTATE VISIT GENERATED

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